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AZERBAIDZHAN FIGHTS MALARIA

Prior to the revolution, the Mingechaur area, where a hydroelectric power plant is being constructed, was a malaria-infested region of Azerbaydzhan. All the inhabitants of Odzheg, Mingechaur, Kuruushagy, and other settlements suffered from this disease.

The plan to fight malaria was worked out long before construction of the hydroelectric power plant was begun. During the first days of construction, a malaria station was opened in Mingchaour. Under the direction of the experienced doctor, A. Baba-zade, the station made considerable progress in fighting malaria by examining the entire population of the surrounding villages and by treating the sick.

In 1946 following the flooding of the Kura River many swamps were left around Mingechaur. However, most of the swamps have now been drained, and the remaining ones are being filled with crude oil. Kolkhos workers of neighboring villages are participating actively in the work to combat malaria.

The nucleus of infection for malaria in the entire Kura-Araksin lowlands region will have been completely eliminated by the time the construction work for the Mingechaur hydroelectric power plant is completed.

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